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BANKS. Peoples National Bank—President, Geo. M. D. Hart; Cashier, Geo. D. Kelley; Tellers, W. G. Lockwood, Bank Building on East Main Street. Citizens National Bank—President, Joseph B. Chubb; Cashier, John S. Crouch; Tellers, J. Davis, Bank Building on South Broad Street.

SECRET SOCIETIES. Middletown Grange, No. 1, J. A. D. A. M. Meets every Monday night in McWhorter's Hall at 8 o'clock. Union Lodge, No. 4, A. F. & A. M. Meets first Tuesday of each month in Town Hall. Good Samaritan Lodge, No. 9, I. O. O. F. Meets every Thursday night in McWhorter's Hall at 8 o'clock. Ramon Lodge, No. 12, K. of P. Meets every Wednesday night in McWhorter's Hall at 8 o'clock. Welcome Conclave, Hesperia, Meets every second and fourth Friday night in K. of P. Hall. Prince Lodge, No. 4, A. O. U. W. Meets every 2nd and 4th Tuesday night in McWhorter's Hall.

LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS. Youngsters Rifle Company, meets first Friday night of each month in Town House.

THE CHURCHES. Bethesda M. E. Church—Rev. C. T. Wyatt, Pastor. Preaching every Sabbath at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sabbath school every Sabbath at 10:30 a. m. A. G. Cox, Superintendent. Prayer meeting, Thursday, 8:30 p. m. Women's Foreign Missionary Society, first Friday night of each month. Women's Home Missionary Society, first Thursday night of each month. Official board meeting first Friday evening of each month at 7:30 o'clock. Morning class, 9:30, Louis Pennington, leader. Tuesday and Friday at 8:30 a. m. Evening Wednesday night class, 7:30, A. G. Cox. Forest Presbyterian Church—Rev. F. H. Moore, Pastor. Services held every Sabbath morning at 10:30 o'clock, and every Sabbath evening at 7:30. Sabbath school will be held every Sabbath morning at 9:15 o'clock. J. F. Fletcher, Pastor. Sunday School, meeting every Wednesday evening. Young People's Society Christian Endeavor meets every Sunday evening at 6:45 o'clock. Junior Society Christian Endeavor every Friday evening at 6 o'clock.

Services at Armstrong's Chapel the first Sabbath of each month at 10:30 o'clock. St. Anne's Protestant Episcopal Church—Rev. Wm. J. Wilkie, Rector. Holy Communion on the first Sunday in the month at 10:30 a. m. on all other Sundays at 7:30 a. m. Divine services every Sunday at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Morning Prayer and Litany every Wednesday and Friday at 8:30 a. m. Evening Prayer on Wednesdays at 7:30 p. m. and on Friday at 8:30 p. m. on all Holy Days services at 9 a. m. Sunday school at 9:45 a. m. Adult Bible class at 1:30 p. m. on all Holy Days. The Guild meets every Thursday at 3 p. m. The Junior Auxiliary on Saturdays at 3 p. m. and the Woman's Auxiliary on the second Friday of each month at 8 o'clock. The rector conducts service in Odessa in the room under the Hall on the first and third Sundays of each month at four o'clock, and at St. Mary's Chapel, Townsend, on the second and fourth Sundays of the month at half past three.

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WASHINGTON LETTER.

WASHINGTON, February 9th, 1903.

A thorough and adequate program has been practically completed by the Senate and is certain to be adopted by the House, so that this session of Congress, notwithstanding the brief time at its disposal, and the Statehouse blockade in the Senate, will be able to adjourn with the knowledge that it has done all that is possible or judicious to uphold and strengthen the hands of the Attorney General in his efforts to correct the trust evils. The only important feature of this program not yet accomplished is the passage of the Elkins bill by the House and your correspondent has received assurances from Speaker Henderson and the other leaders of the lower chamber that it will be enacted at an early date.

The anti-trust program when enacted will provide an appropriation of \$500,000 for the employment of expert assistance in the prosecution of anti-trust suits; the enactment of a measure expediting the trial of anti-trust suits in the courts; the prohibition of rebates with equal penalties on receivers and grantors, provided by the Elkins bill; a publicity feature for industrial corporations included in the bill establishing a Department of Commerce and Labor. The publicity feature is provided for in what is known as the Nelson amendments. The proposed Bureau of Corporations has been replaced with a Commissioner of Corporations who is empowered to collect and compile for the use of the President the necessary statistics.

The Interstate Commerce Commission will remain intact instead of being included in the new Department as was intended and as was provided in the House bill. Strengthened by the provisions of the Elkins bill, the Commission will become far more effective in its supervision of transportation companies. The assurance of the new Department of Commerce and Labor is accompanied by an authoritative statement to the effect that Mr. George B. Cortelyou, now Secretary to the President, will become its secretary and, as such, a member of the Cabinet. Mr. Cortelyou has long been a valued advisor of the President and has earned by most exceptional merit the position for which he has been selected.

The Statehouse situation in the Senate is still in "stalemate" to use the witicism of Senator Quay, but there are indications of a compromise which will be reached in the near future. The present plan is to admit Oklahoma as one state and Arizona and New Mexico as another. This does not meet with the approval of the Democrats and for that reason Senator Quay has not yet given his approval, but as it becomes evident that no more favorable arrangement can be made it becomes more likely that he will do so.

The House of Representatives passed the Littlefield anti-trust bill on Saturday and it will now go to the Senate but will not be taken under consideration there, both time and inclination preventing its being taken up. It will, of course, be referred to the Judiciary committee of the Senate. Mr. Hoar is chairman and he assures your correspondent that he is very doubtful if it will be even reported to the Senate.

The Venezuela controversy has not yet been settled although those persons in a position to know feel confident that it will be at an early date. The so-called "shirt-sleeve diplomacy" of Minister Bowen came very near precipitating a misunderstanding of this kind and as an attempt was made by the representatives of the Allies to go over Mr. Bowen's head and secure the intervention and arbitration of the President. This proposition Mr. Roosevelt promptly declined and conferences with Mr. Bowen are again in progress. He has offered to each of the Allies a payment of \$27,500 as an evidence of good faith. His offer has not yet been accepted as it is conditional on the immediate raising of the Venezuelan blockade.

Practically no time has been given by the Senate to the consideration of any of the treaties now before it and the necessity of an extra session of the upper chamber for their consideration is freely predicted. Senator Lodge told your correspondent today that he believed such a session would be necessary and that the President would not hesitate to call it. A report sent out by the Associated Press to the effect that there was no hope for the ratification of the Alaskan treaty proves to be wholly without foundation. Seven of the most prominent members of the Senate have assured your correspondent that, if a sufficient time for the consideration of this treaty can be secured, there will be no trouble in effecting its ratification. Senators Foster and Turner of Washington say that their constituents are opposed to the convention, but they will not filibuster on it and they are open to the advocates

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HIGHER PAY
The General Assembly is considering a bill to increase the salary of the Levy Court Commissioners from \$800 to \$1200 per year. As was to be expected, this bill is being opposed and some of its enemies are making, publicly and privately, wild statements. One of them secured the publication in one of the Wilmington newspapers of a letter, in which he stated that the Levy Court was only in session about once a week and that for 52 days a salary of over \$15 per day was very large. As a matter of fact, during the months of February and March the Levy Court is in almost continuous session. But the actual meetings of the Levy Court constitute but a small part of the work done by the Commissioners. Each of them has to look after the causeways and bridges in his district, or rather is supposed to do so. We believe that the laborer is worthy of his hire, and we think that the mistake made in the original "Five Commissioner Bill" is largely responsible for the stealing, and corrupt practices that have been such a stench in the nostrils of the tax-payers of New Castle County in recent years. The salary has not been one to attract men of integrity and ability, and the result has been that incompetent men have been chosen and the county suffered.

If the members of the Levy Court will give their time and attention to the business of the public, they can readily save many times the proposed increase in their salaries. An example of what neglect can do is in evidence in this hundred. The county has spent on the Augustine and Silver Run causeways in East St. Georges Hundred, considerably over one hundred thousand dollars. And yet, for want of proper care and attention it is possible that both roads may be closed to the public. We are informed that in several places the Augustine road has settled so much that a high tide will wash over it. Silver Run road from south end of bridge to end of it is so badly washed that at present, there is only one track over it. What will happen when the exceptionally high tides and storms that usually occur during the month of March, sweep over these roads is plainly evident to those who are acquainted with that section. The county will have both roads to rebuild, at least in part.

TOWNSEND NOTES

Miss Ethel Lofand, of McDonough, spent several days with Miss Mary Moore.
Miss Florence Moore, of Philadelphia, was entertained by Mrs. Winfield Lattin, several days this week.
Miss Lizzie Ditch visited Philadelphia on Saturday.
Mr. Elmer Pritchard who has been working in Wilmington for sometime, returned home this week.
Mr. Reuben Taylor, of Easton, Md., visited Mr. W. F. Isaacs, recently.
Mrs. H. F. Spicer, of Philadelphia, spent Saturday and Sunday with Mr. Jacob Spicer near Blackbird.
Mr. LeRoy Hutchison, who is working in Wilmington, spent Sunday with his parents.
Miss Winnie Price, of Stillpoint, Md., was entertained by Mrs. W. N. Watts, several days this week.
Mr. Edward Collins and family moved to New York on Monday of this week.
Miss Mamie Atkins, of Milton, spent several days with Rev. J. H. Beauchamp, this week.
The revival meetings of this town are increasing in interest, and there has been several conversions during the week. The pastor, Rev. J. H. Beauchamp, has been assisted by his brother, Rev. T. F. Beauchamp, of Still Point, Md. Miss Anna Dryden, of Orisfield, who is a guest at the parsonage, also rendered valuable aid by her sweet singing.

BALTIMORE & OHIO RAILROAD

Persons contemplating a trip to the West, via Pittsburg, Cincinnati, St. Louis, Chicago and points west thereof, can save money by purchasing tickets via the B. & O. R. R. Rates from Wilmington are \$8.00 to Pittsburg, 10.13 P. M., train daily; \$15.50 to Cincinnati, \$21.25 to St. Louis, \$17.00 to Chicago. It is probably not generally known that tickets to the West via the B. & O. R. R. are much lower than via any other line, although the train service is first class in every respect. Fast express trains equipped with day coaches, Pullman Sleeping, Parlor and Dining Cars, leave Wilmington daily for Pittsburg, Cincinnati, St. Louis and Chicago without change, and at these points connect in Union Depots for all western points. For detailed information write or apply to Ticket Agents or H. A. Miller, T. P. A., Wilmington, Del.

SASSAFRAS ITEMS

Hearts have been in evidence this week.
Mr. James Hall, of Fredericktown, visited Sassafra on Tuesday.
Mrs. John Tarbuton was the guest of Mrs. Louis Dreka on Monday.
Mrs. John F. Ernest and Mrs. G. Purcell visited Middletown on Tuesday.
There was a long train of gypsies passed through Sassafra on Tuesday morning.
Miss Lida Cochran, of Middletown, is being entertained by Mrs. Harry Griffith.
Mrs. G. Purcell, of Philadelphia, is being entertained by Mrs. John F. Ernest.
Messrs. Jacob T. Shalleross and Stephen Boyer, Jr., visited Middletown on Monday.
Shad from South Carolina and oranges from Florida are now to be had at reasonable rates.
Mrs. S. Sutton, of Locust Grove, is being entertained by Mrs. Thierza Shalleross, near town.
Quite a number from here attended the entertainment at Middletown on last Wednesday evening.
A stock company is being formed at Colton, for the purpose of raising funds sufficient to erect a town hall.
Mr. Wallace Spry and son, Irving, were fishing on Tuesday, and succeeded in catching quite a few trout.
Rev. Borgette Short leaves Wilmington this week to become financial secretary of the Pacific Union, San Jose, Cal.
Rev. Mr. Weir and wife of Massey, were entertained on Tuesday by Mr. Jacob T. Shalleross and Mrs. Thierza Shalleross.
We are delighted to think there is not one case of sickness in Sassafra and indeed the community here is very healthy for which we should all feel very thankful.
Rev. J. McLain Brown and wife, of Warwick, and her sister, Miss Bertie T. Wan, of Cambridge, were entertained by Mrs. Caroline Johns and Miss Emma, on Monday.
The social function of the week was given by Mr. Jacob T. Shalleross on Tuesday evening in honor of the Kent Card Club. Those in attendance were: Mr. and Mrs. E. Thomas Massey and Mr. and Mrs. Herman Massey, of Massey; Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Massey, of Sudbury; Mr. and Mrs. William Conneys, of Middletown; Mr. Isaac Gibbs and Miss Carrie Snickson, of Massey; Mr. Edward Hart, Locust Grove; Mr. and Mrs. Harry Griffith, Sassafra; Miss Lida Cochran, Middletown; Mr. Paul Conneys and sister, of Middletown; Miss Mabel Emory and Miss Maud Ringold, of Chestertown. A most delightful evening was spent.

SALES TO TAKE PLACE

Tuesday, February 17th, 1903, at 10 o'clock, A. M.—Sale of stock, farming implements, etc., by Otho Marvel, on the "Watkins Farm," near Noxontown Mills. Joseph M. Armstrong, auctioneer.
Tuesday, February 17th, 1903.—Public sale of household furniture, office fixtures, etc., by Mrs. Katharine W. Vallandigham, Administratrix, at the residence of the late Dr. I. S. Vallandigham, in Middletown. W. Harmon Reynolds, auctioneer.
Wednesday, February 18th, 1903.—Administrators Sale of Stock, Farming Implements, etc., by C. S. Goldsborough, on the "Price Farm," near Warwick.
Thursday, February 19th, 1903.—Public Sale of stock, farm implements, etc., by William F. Reynolds, at Reynolds' Cross-roads, near Price's Corner, Del. W. Harmon Reynolds, auctioneer.
Tuesday, February 24th, 1903.—Public Sale of stock, farm implements, etc., by C. S. Martin. W. Harmon Reynolds, auctioneer.
Wednesday, February 25th, 1903.—Public Sale of stock, farm implements, etc., by William F. Reynolds, at Reynolds' Cross-roads, near Price's Corner, Del. W. Harmon Reynolds, auctioneer.
Wednesday, February 25th, 1903.—Public sale of stock, farm implements, etc., by Frank H. Hendrickson, on the farm known as the "George Cleaver Farm," on the Dutch Neck road, 1 mile south of Delaware City. Jos. M. Armstrong, auctioneer.
Tuesday, March 3d, 1903.—Public sale of stock, farming implements, etc., by Charles H. Salmon, on his farm, on the road from Summit Bridge to Chesapeake City, one mile from Summit Bridge. William J. Smith, auctioneer.

To Western Points via B. & O. R. R.

The Baltimore and Ohio R. R. Co., will sell daily until April 29th inclusive, very cheap tickets to points in Arizona, British Columbia, California, Colorado, Idaho, Mexico, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, South Dakota, Texas, Utah, Washington and Wyoming. To Portland, Oregon, Tacoma, Seattle, San Francisco, Los Angeles, and other points in California at rate of \$40.75, to other points, proportionately low rates. For full particulars write or apply to H. A. Miller, T. P. A. or to B. & O. Ticket Agents.

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POSTPONED Public Sale!

The undersigned, owing to unfavorable weather, has postponed his large Public Sale, on the "Julian Cochran Farm," 2 miles west of Middletown, Delaware, and will now sell on

Monday, Feb. 16th, '03
At 10 o'clock, A. M.,
The following described Personal Property, to-wit:

11 Head of Horses, Colts and Mules.

No. 1—MILBURN, bay mare, 2 years old, her dam is by Murphy, and is bred by Black More, and with some training will go fast.
No. 2—HARRY, black horse, 8 years old, a good work horse, will work anywhere.
No. 3—DREW, black horse, 3 years old, a "cracker-jack," a good driver and will work anywhere, has plenty of style, will make a fine horse for an undertaker.
No. 4—MAUD, bay colt, 1 year old, is a half thoroughbred, and is a very fine colt.
No. 5—ELMER, bay mare, 8 years old, a good worker and driver, her equal is hard to find, never a day too long for her.
No. 6—GEORGE, brown horse, 8 years old, is a half breed, a good worker, and will kill the most of his mates if allowed to go, never a day too long for him.
No. 7—JACK, dark horse, 13 years old, a good work horse and a fair driver.
No. 8—JOHN, dark bay horse, 8 years old, a good work horse, will work anywhere, and has been driven single.
No. 9—DICK, bay horse, 13 years old, good worker and driver, and will kill the most of his mates if allowed to go, never a day too long for him.
Nos. 10 and 11—Pair of dark brown Mules, coming 3 years old, unbroken. These mules are fine young animals.

10 Head of Cows

and one Bull. The cows are Guernsey and Holsteins, and it is hard to find any better milkers, some will be fresh and some are heavy springers. The bull is a half Jersey and Guernsey, thoroughbred on father's side.
SHOATS—Nineteen head of fine Shoats, will weigh 140 to 150 pounds, each ready for the knife; also, 4 sows, with pigs by their side, will be eight weeks old by day of sale.
Farming Implements, Etc.,
One Backeye Sulky Cultivator, good as new; 1 Iron Age Cultivator, will still do the work; 1 Roller, good as new; 2 Farm Wagons, one good as new; No. 2 will haul many a good load of goods; 1 McCormick Binder, good as new; 1 Bickford & Hoffman 11-spout Drill, good as new; 1 set of Wagon Harness, in good order; lot of Collars, Bridles, Hames, Traces, single and double and three-horse Traces, 1 Hay Rigging, in good order.

Terms of Sale:
All sums of \$20 and less, Cash; on all sums over that amount a credit of nine months will be given by purchaser giving a bankable note with approved endorser, interest added. No goods to be removed until terms of sale are complied with.

W. C. MCCOY,
W. HARMON REYNOLDS, Auctioneer.

ADMINISTRATOR'S SALE

Personal Property

The undersigned, Administrator for the late C. S. Goldsborough, will offer at Public Sale, on "The Price Farm," on the road leading from Warwick, Md., to Middletown, Del.,

Wednesday, Feb. 18 '03

At 10 o'clock, A. M.,
The following Personal Property, to-wit:

13 Head of Horses and Colts

No. 1—Sherman, bay horse, 11 years old, good worker and fair driver.
No. 2—Phillips, brown mare, 12 years old, good farm and general purpose mare.
No. 3—Sunday, bay mare, 12 years old, good farm and general purpose mare.
No. 4—Maud, black mare, 10 years old, excellent work and road mare.
No. 5—Blanch, brown mare, 9 years old. This mare is a fine driver and will work anywhere, and in foal.
No. 6—Ned, sorrel horse, 10 years old, good farm horse.
No. 7—Dapple, gray mare, 8 years old, in foal, good work mare.
No. 8—Daisy, iron gray colt, coming 3 years old, a fine colt.
No. 9—Friday, black mare colt, coming 3 years old.
No. 10—Topsy, bay mare, coming 3 years old, a very fine colt, and should make a fine mare.
No. 11—Lady Durock, coming 2 years old. This colt is a natural pacer, and will learn to go fast.
No. 12—Stonewall, by Durock, coming 2 years old, a very fine colt.
No. 13—Yearling Colt, fair size.

19 Head of Cows and Heifers

Among this lot are some excellent Dairy Cows, and those in need of good Cattle should not miss this opportunity. Among them are 4 close springers, the others will be in profit in the early Spring.
10 Brood Sows, 5 Shoats and 40 Fine Pigs. All the Sows will farrow in the early Spring.
One-half interest in 65 Acres of Wheat in the ground.

Farming Implements, Etc.,

Two Farm Wagons, in good order; 1 Roller, new; 1 Corn Planter, in good order; 1 Rake, new; 1 Randall Harrow, 1 Double Scurry, nearly new; 1 York Wagon, 1 Spring Wagon, 1 Bickford & Hoffman Grain Drill, new, has only seeded 65 acres of wheat; 1 Mower, in good order; 2 Wheel Cultivators, nearly new; 1 Milk Wagon, 1 Spring Tooth Harrow, in good order; 1 Randall Harrow, 1 4-horse Twin Harrow, 1 2-horse Twin Harrow, 2 3-horse Plows, 1 2-horse Plow, 1-horse Plow, 3 Hand Cultivators, 1 Grain Fan, 1 Patch Bed and Springs, carrying 60 baskets; 1 carriage pole, 1 Grindstone, 2 Scythes, forks, shovels, hoes, and many other things not here mentioned. HARNESSES—1 Set of Double Carriage Harness, good as new; 1 Set of Single Carriage Harness, 2 Sets of Wagon Harness, 1 Set of Bearhorn Harness, 8 Sets Plow Harness, 6 Collars and Bridles, 1 Riding Saddle and 10 Horse Blankets.

Terms of Sale:
All sums of \$10 and under, Cash; on sums over that amount a credit of Ten Months will be given by purchaser giving bankable note with approved endorser, interest added from day of sale. No goods to be removed until the conditions of sale are complied with.

G. H. GINN, Administrator,
W. HARMON REYNOLDS, Auctioneer,
WILLIAM A. SCOTT, Clerk.

Baris & Fogel

Middletown, Delaware.

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Trains Leave Middletown as follows:
North Bound—5.30, 7.45, 9.30 and 10.37 a. m.;
South Bound—5.30, 7.45, 9.30 and 10.37 a. m.;
South Bound—11.45, 1.31, 3.21 and 11.40 a. m.;
S. B. 4.14 and 7.3 p. m.

Mails Close as follows:
Going North—7.30 a. m., 10.45 a. m., 3.30 p. m.,
8.45 p. m. and 9 p. m.
Going South—5.30 a. m., 4.35 p. m., and 9 p. m.
For Odessa—3.20 a. m., 11.40 a. m., 3.30 p. m.,
For Warwick, Cecilton, Barville and Sams-
tra—8.40 a. m.

MIDDLETOWN, DEL., FEB. 14, 1903.

Local News.

Full line of Fresh Groceries at E. F. INGRAM'S.

FOR RENT or SALE—One Lot on Lake street. Apply to Mrs. B. T. Boggs.

A splendid lot of Red Cedar Posts for wire fence at right price.

G. E. HUKILL.

We have just received a car of Soft Coal. Price a little lower than recently.

G. E. HUKILL.

Dr. W. E. BARNARD, Surgeon Dentist, office Southeast corner of Main and Scott streets.

Corsets at one-half price. Some of the styles of last season that I will not renew in stock. At Mrs. G. W. PETERSON'S.

The Buck Dramatic Club will give a minstrel show in Carnay's Hall, Summit Bridge, on Saturday evening, February 21st.

A sale of pies, cakes, biscuits, salads, etc., will be held in the New Century Club room this afternoon from 2 to 5 o'clock.

You are invited to call and examine the large display of Corsets direct from the leading manufacturers. At Mrs. G. W. PETERSON'S.

The weather on Thursday and Friday was indeed spring-like, and a few days more of warm sunshine would make us think spring had arrived.

The large public sale of Mr. Elwood B. Cleaver which took place on Thursday was well attended, and the prices realized were very satisfactory.

HAY FOR SALE.—I am expecting a car load of No. 1 mixed baled hay to arrive most any day, that I will offer at \$18 per ton on the car. W. D. EVANS.

WANTED—Good canvasser for unoccupied territory; free outfit; cash each week for whole or part time. Western New York Nursery Co., Dept. 2, Rochester, N. Y.

Until further notice the Middletown Public Library will be open on Tuesday afternoon, from 3 to 5; Saturday evenings, from 7 to 8.30.

If you want THE TRANSCRIPT to come to you or to your friend for the coming year, just send in \$1 for pay for it and we'll do our part for the next 52 weeks. Our terms are in advance always.

WANTED.—A young or middle-aged man, well acquainted with the retail Hardware and Stove business. Apply with references and wages to MIDDLETOWN HARDWARE HOUSE.

If you have a cow sick or out of condition use "Kow Cure." For horses use "Rust Climax Condition Powder." To make hens lay use "Rust Egg Producer." J. F. McWHORTER & SON.

The public sale of William C. McCoy, which was advertised to take place on Wednesday last, was postponed until Monday next, February 16th, at 10 o'clock. See this advertisement in another column of this issue.

We have on hand and will order STOVE REPAIRS for all makes of stoves. Give us the number of your stove and the makers name, and we will give you the repairs at once. J. F. McWHORTER & SON.

The public sale of Mrs. Katharine V. Vallandigham, Administratrix of the late Dr. L. S. Vallandigham will take place at her residence on East Main street, on Tuesday, February 17th, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

Unclaimed Letters.—The following list of letters remain unclaimed in the post office for the week ending February 5th: Miss A. Bronfman, Miss Reanna Lockerman, Mrs. Mary Rose, Mrs. Caroline Williams, Samuel Wright.

The Rev. J. B. Hill is holding a very successful revival meeting at Trinity A. M. E. Church, and a large number of persons have been converted. The meetings will continue during the coming week.

Seneca Lodge, No. 44, Improved Order of Red Men have rented and nicely painted and papered a room in the Town Hall for their lodge room. They will soon add the furnishings necessary for their lodge work.

A fishing party journeyed to Noxon-ton pond Thursday and caught a large quantity of fine fish and a few terrapins. Several bass weighing from 10 to 18 pounds and a half dozen other kinds of the finny tribe were among the catch.

TWO COUNTERS FOR SALE.—Two 12-foot counters, nearly new and in excellent condition, one with combination drawers and show cases. Will be sold cheap. Apply to BARRIS & POOL, Middletown, Del.

We have over 2,000 Corsets in stock to show. All the latest and best makes direct from the manufacturers. The "Kabo and P. N." "W. B. and Cresco," "Henderson and Paritan." All sizes from 18 to 46. All prices from 25 cents to \$1.75 the pair. At Mrs. G. W. PETERSON'S.

NOTICE.—Cabbage Plants for sale cheap. Grown from true seed of Jersey Wakefield and Big Charleston Wakefield. Will sell in large or small lots. Those wanting plants will do well to write me. JOHN W. TAYLOR, Mappsville, Va.

Bethesda Epworth League meets in the lecture room of the M. E. Church every Sunday evening at 6.45 o'clock. Everybody is invited to attend. The topic for to-morrow evening is: "Selfish Ambition and Christ's Service." Mark 10:35-45; Matt. 16:24-26. Miss Lottie Blackway, leader.

The Young Peoples Society of Christian Endeavor of Forest Presbyterian Church, meets every Sunday evening at 6.45 o'clock. A cordial invitation is extended to everybody. The topic for to-morrow evening is: "Lessons from Ben-hadad's Defeat." 1 Kings 20:1-20. Mrs. A. M. Heaton, leader.

This month each day of the week occurs four times. This has happened but fifteen times in the last 132 years, namely, in 1778, 1789, 1795, 1801, 1807, 1818, 1838, 1846, 1857, 1863, 1874, 1884, 1891 and 1903. In the next 50 years it will occur five times—in 1914, 1925, 1931, 1942 and 1953.

According to a provision of the post office appropriation bill passed by the House, persons having occasion to mail at one time 2,000 or more identical circulars or other pieces of third or fourth class matter may do so without affixing stamps by paying the full amount of necessary postage to the post office.

Snow or sleet has attended every Sunday in this section since January 1. All kinds of weather were delivered last Sunday and they were timed in such a way as to detract from church going and keep the people within doors. Cold air, chilly winds and a constant downpour from a leaden sky made the day a gloomy one.

A town election will be held at the office of Justice of the Peace A. G. Cox, on Monday, March 23, 1903, between the house of one and four o'clock, P. M., when three Commissioners will be elected for two years each; one Treasurer, one Assessor and one Alderman for one year. The Commissioners and Assessor must be freeholders.

Rev. Robert Watt, Presiding Elder of the Wilmington District of the Wilmington M. E. Conference, does not agree with the statement of Rev. Dr. Buckley, of New York, that Methodism is decreasing. He says there has been a steady increase for some time within the limits of the Wilmington Conference, and he sees no reason why it should not continue.

OBITUARY

MRS. IDA H. WILSON

Mrs. Ida H. Wilson, wife of Mr. William B. Wilson departed this life at six o'clock Wednesday morning, after a short illness, aged 41 years. Septic Peritonitis was the cause of her death. While it was known she had been critically ill for several days, her death was a great shock to her relatives and friends, who thought she was slowly improving. Mrs. Wilson was a member of Bethesda M. E. Church, and a devoted christian lady, and took an active part in church work. The funeral services which were conducted yesterday afternoon, at one o'clock were largely attended and the Rev. C. T. Wyatt, her former pastor who conducted the funeral services, paid a glowing tribute to the memory of the deceased. Interment was made in Forest Cemetery.

CATS IN DEMAND

Twenty-five cents a head is the price the students in the biological department of Gettysburg College are paying for cats. They need the cats in their business of studying anatomy. Town boys need the quarters for cigarettes and dime novels. That is the reason why a number of Gettysburg people have missed their pet kittens. It is the gentle, domesticated cats that land on the dissecting table because the wicked, ferocious king cannot be caught. Passing along the street one of the catcatchers sees a gentle tabby sunning herself, a nab and she is under a coat traveling towards college. There are hundreds of cats in Middletown that would look well on a dissecting table but the people object to the slaughter of "household pets."

FOX HUNTERS PRECIPITATE A RIOT

A small sized riot took place at Milford Saturday afternoon, growing out of a fox chase. Fred W. Whitehead, Jr., who fired two shots from a repeating rifle at a party of hunters on Tuesday of last week, visited Milford and was accompanied by one of the sportsmen, William Bennett. Whitehead at once knocked his assailant down and repeated the dose as soon as Bennett regained his feet. Others interfered, tripped Whitehead and proceeded to give him a beating in a brutal manner. Officer Vinard arrested the two principals and Alderman Truitt fined each of them \$5 for fighting on the streets. Bennett is a brother of John Bennett, who was sent to Dover jail, together with three others for beating Belvidere Mills at Milford a year or more ago, in a similar dispute.

WARWICK HAPPENINGS

Miss Alberta Tillman, of Salisbury, Md., is sojourning at the parsonage. After a protracted illness of typhoid fever John H. Lofland is able to sit up in his room. Miss Emma L. Vinard resumed her studies at the Cecilton High School last Monday, the small-pox scare being over. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Vinard, of Townsend, Del., were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. William T. Vinard last Sunday.

The Lenten season which always begins with Ash Wednesday, comes thirteen days later this year than last. This will bring Easter on April the 12th.

The Senior Christian Endeavor Society holds their prayer meetings every Sunday evening at 7 o'clock. Topic for to-morrow evening: "Lessons from Ben-hadad's Defeat." 1 Kings 20:1-20. Temperance.

WARWICK PUBLIC SCHOOLS. The names of those deserving commendation for deportment and progress for the month of January, are as follows: Seventh Grade.—Bessie Bishop, Clara Duryea, Edgar Bishop, Paul Marsh, Alban Marsh.

Sixth Grade.—Ethel Vinard, Eccleston Marsh, James Lockwood. Fifth Grade.—Stella Bishop, Price King, Ella Lockerman, Josie Stearns, Grace Brown, Katie Karroll, Willis Aiken, Hanson King.

Fourth Grade.—Edward Brown, Jesse Vinard, Thomas Carroll, Eola Vinard, Willie Carroll, Eva Holden, Mamie Merritt.

Third Grade.—Lester Bishop, Bertha Lynch, Annie Poor, Arthur Lockerman, Josephine Aiken, Charles Duryea, Mable Short.

Second Grade.—Francis Marsh, Hartley Thornton, John Poor, Willie Pierce.

It Keeps the Feet Warm and Dry. Ask to-day for Allen's Foot-Ease, a powder. It cures Chubbins, Swollen, Sweated, Sore, Aching, Damp feet. At all drug stores and shoe stores, 25c.

PERSONALITIES

Miss Esie Hall, of Principio Furnace, spent last Tuesday at the manse of the Forest Presbyterian Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert C. Chandler, of Wilmington, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Emerson.

Mrs. A. E. Crow, of Wilmington, is visiting her sister, Mrs. J. H. Emerson.

Mrs. G. W. Peterson, of Chesapeake City, Md., is visiting Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Peterson on East Main street.

Miss Rebecca Pleasanton, of McDonough, has accepted a position as saleslady with Mrs. G. W. Peterson.

Mr. Elliott Cleaver, of New York, is visiting his father, Mr. Julius Cleaver, near town.

Mr. John Gill, of Philadelphia, is spending sometime at his home here.

Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Roberts and daughter, Miss Ada May, have returned from a week's visit with friends in Wisconsin; Pa.

Mr. Pierce Saxton, of Dover, was a Middletown visitor on Monday.

Mr. Alexander O'Connor, of Lancaster, Pa., was in town on Tuesday.

Mr. Joseph Comegna has accepted a position in Philadelphia.

ST. GEORGE'S ITEMS

Edward Gam was a Wilmington visitor on Tuesday.

Mrs. J. R. Milligan is spending a week with friends in Wilmington.

HARRY PIERCE, of Baltimore, Md., was a visitor in town on Tuesday.

Our Sundays still continue stormy consequently our church attendance

THE OPTION

BY GEORGE HIBBARD

THESE business men and these business ways, mourned Miss Julia Burnham, gazing for sympathy at her most intimate friend, Miss Brown, and these commonplace business days!

The most intimate friend, as she was in duty bound, looked her deep commiseration.

No picturesqueness—no romance, complained Miss Burnham. Nothing mysterious, nothing dramatic—nothing. It isn't fair for a girl to have to live now when nothing interesting can happen to her.

What do you want? asked the most intimate friend with the most flattering willingness to be instructed.

I want some color in life—some incident—something that has some significance. But what can you expect when all the men you know think nothing but business—do nothing but business—and are nothing but business men. A girl wants to try the man who wins her—to be sure that he has at least some imagination—is capable of the finer feelings. That, in short, he is going to be able to appreciate her if there is anything in her to appreciate.

But, remonstrated Miss Brown a little timidly in the face of such vigorous denunciation, it isn't any worse here than in other places.

I'm not complaining of that. I'm speaking generally, Miss Burnham announced grandly. It's so everywhere nowadays. Why, presently a man will get married quite as he eats his luncheon—just a hurried bite between two "deals." I'm not sure but it's that way now.

Miss Burnham wrinkled her pretty brow and glanced disconsolately out of the large library window over the spreading lawn down the drive to the great stone pillars where the wrought-iron gates hung open. Indeed her lot had been a most comfortably uncomfortable one. Never to have known a want without finding immediate gratification had resulted in a monotony that was distressing. To have had nothing but pleasant things as a daily portion had ended by making the days somewhat insipid. To have loved made to her—without undue excitement—by many unexceptionable young men with whom she was perfectly at liberty to fall in love if she pleased, and to any one of whom she might even have been married without the slightest opposition, was to have the course of true love run so smoothly as to deprive it of a great deal of interest.

From the time that she had gone to her first dancing school she could not remember anything more nearly approaching a crisis than that she should be obliged to decide to which of two or more dinners she should go or with whom of two or more men she should dance a cotillon. For Miss Burnham had been the most praised and admired young woman in the large Lake city from the time she had appeared upon Alaska avenue in her perambulator until this hour when she drove her high trap up and down it. The position of Amos Burnham—her father—president of the First National Bank, director in the Surety Trust Company, partner in the firm of Burnham, Holt & Co., and with an egg in almost every local financial basket, had at the beginning a great deal to do with her prominence. The envious—and they were singularly few—said that this was everything. But the truth was that Miss Julia Burnham's setting had very little more to do with her success than the frame with the picture. She would have won recognition and commanded admiration anywhere. She was very pretty, quick-witted, and though somewhat petulant and something spoiled, possessed of a kindly heart which led her easily to respect the prejudices of others and made her glad to be of service to them.

But this was by no means the way that she thought of herself. Her own estimate of her own character led her to consider that she was embittered by the world and cynical in the extreme. This was her only refuge and consolation in the intolerable fatness of things. So she sighed as she looked out of the window—displeased with the splendid Burnham house, displeased with

even Amos Burnham himself, whom she considered a most prosaically excellent and successful person; dissatisfied with Fred Northup, the young man who was demanding her attention at that moment. How could anything "interesting" arise with the president of a bank and an active young real estate agent and operator?

She sighed as she sat that evening with Amos Burnham in the library while he sipped his after-dinner coffee.

What is it, Julia? he asked. Can't make up your mind whether you're in love or not?

There was a directness about her father's utterances that Julia could not help feel at times was very trying.

Nonsense, she answered with some asperity. It's just because everything is so tiresome.

I know, said Burnham, you'd like to have us all in top boots and plumed hats—a pretty figure I'd cut that way—slashing at one another when we weren't stabbing one another in the back.

Now, you know, papa, I'm not so foolish as that.

Aren't you satisfied with having a pirate for a father? he growled pleasantly.

A pirate! she exclaimed with interest.

That's what I'm called—even here in this newspaper, he replied. A pirate, a shark and a good many more things.

Really, cried Julia, brightening up, I don't see what they can mean, but it doesn't sound commonplace.

Oh, I'm not commonplace, Burnham assured her. And as for names, I've had to take a good many hard knocks in my time and given some back, so that there's naturally hard feeling.

And have you given—hard knocks? Julia asked.

I've given as good as I've got every time, answered Burnham grimly.

But just in business, she complained. There's nothing interesting about that.

I don't know what you call interesting, he went on.

Nothing to give the imagination a chance, she pursued.

Imagination! he exclaimed. There's as much of it in business as there is in poetry. I've had to imagine things or I couldn't accomplish them, only what I imagined turned out in dollars, not words.

Then, she said hopelessly, there's nothing dramatic about it. Why, there's as little chance for being involved in a plot in my life as in going down town in a trolley car.

Well, said Burnham, I'd be bothered about these ideas of yours if I didn't know that you'd got some sense really. But there's interest and picturesque and all that, I can tell you, in business. Now take this steel plant. Isn't that something to set you thinking? Half a dozen of us get together and in no time at all there springs up a town with streets and houses, and people in them. What's there to equal that in your romances—not to say your fairy tales?

Julia looked pensively in the fire and admitted that it really sounded attractive.

Where are your conspirators or even your magicians after that? said Burnham warmly. There's something real and practical.

I know that the whole place is talking of it, she said. Fred Northup said something about it to me the other day.

Oh, Fred Northup did, did he? asked Burnham abruptly. You know him pretty well—see him pretty often—talk a good deal to him, don't you?

I take a great interest in him, said Julia with stately dignity. And he tells me about himself and I advise him.

You do? said Burnham thoughtfully.

But, oh! cried Julia suddenly, how can a girl be interested in a man leading such a life? A real estate agent! Could anything be more prosaic?

Umph! murmured Burnham meditatively.

Of course, I know, Julia continued, that he's what they call very active and enterprising, but even if he were a hero what chance could there be for him to show that he had any sensibility—that he was capable of loving a girl in the right way?

A pause followed as Julia stared moodily before her.

Ah, said Burnham wearily. I'm tired. Tramping about the river banks has nearly worn me out.

Where? asked Julia in astonishment.

Down by the river with Dempsey at five o'clock this morning. Five o'clock! cried Julia in amazement. With Mr. Dempsey!

None of your conspirators could be making an earlier start than that, chuckled Burnham; and if you had seen us you'd have thought that we were outlaws or brigands, or something that would have pleased you.

But, papa, what were you doing? she asked.

I really felt like an outcast myself, he went on, splashing about in the mud and reeds of the river.

Papa! cried his amazed daughter.

I tell you down there it was lonely at that time.

Julia was gazing at her father in wide-eyed surprise when a servant entered.

Mr. Northup, the man announced.

I remember, she said as she sprang up; he said that he was coming.

Burnham coughed strangely and violently.

I think I've really taken a cold, he went on dolorously, in those river swamps. You might come back here when he is gone.

I will, she cried. What a cough you have. Shain't I have them send for Doctor Eaton?

No! No! Burnham answered decisively. Only come back.

I will, she said, just as soon as I can.

The long drawing-room was almost dark—its size being so great that the light at one end had but little strength at the other. When Julia suggested that there might be more illumination Northup objected.

But can't you understand people better when you see them? she asked.

Yes, he replied; but then darkness brings a certain confidence and one speaks more confidentially, so one comes to know people better in that way, too.

I didn't think that you were affected by such things, she replied. I'm sure that whether two business men were talking in the dark or the light wouldn't make any difference.

I don't know even that, he said.

And, of course, she went on with meaning, there is nothing else but business.

We're not talking business—now.

You'd like to do it, she replied laughing.

Do you really believe, he asked earnestly, that I think of nothing but business?

I believe, she answered, that it is much the most important thing—that you'd never let anything stand in its way—that you'd never make it subservient to anything.

Don't you know me better than that? he asked reproachfully, and she could feel that he was looking at her intently.

No, I don't, she answered readily.

But I talk to you.

I suppose that you consider me as a vacation—a well earned rest; but I feel that, after all, your mind is really on business. I can see how preoccupied you are to-night.

These's a matter of great importance—for me—that is coming up for decision to-morrow. Eckert, my partner, and I hold an option on two pieces of land, and before twelve o'clock to-morrow we must decide whether to close up or to get out.

There! she cried in triumph, even while you were talking to me you've been thinking of that.

It means so much to me, he pleaded. Fortune—at least enough to give me a start to make one. It means to be able to—

But it's business, she said hastily, discerning danger. So prosaic and so uninspiring! And, oh, I am very sorry, but I am going to send you away.

Papa isn't well to-night, and I must go back to him.

Really, said Northup. He looked remarkably well this afternoon.

Fancy a man of his age doing what he did, she exclaimed. Going at five o'clock this morning with Mr. Dempsey and wading about in the marshes down by the river. I shall certainly scold him.

By the river! With Dempsey! said Northup quickly. At five this morning!

Yes, she answered. Did you ever hear of such a thing? Really, ought not I to take care of him a little better?

No, said Northup musingly;

no. You may be quite sure he can take care of himself. And are you certain about the river? he insisted.

How strange you are! she said. But I know that it must astonish you and I can understand that you cannot believe it. Good-night; I'm going to send you away now. I wish you could stay.

And talk business? You admit that you do?

Yes, he answered boldly, what is the greatest business of my life.

As he gathered up his hat and coat and stick from the carved chair in the hall, went out through the door that the servant held open for him, descended the broad flight of steps and passed down the walk by the side of the drive to the street, he was absolutely unconscious of all that he did. He was thinking so intently that when he found himself on the sidewalk he still held his hat in his hand. He crushed it down on his head and started forward with quick, nervous steps without heed, however, to the direction in which he was going.